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wife. And David was also a voyeur or a Peeping Tom, because ne'd look over there and watch her bathing, and he admired her charms. It just happened that her husband was one of David's top generals. And he sent this man to the place where the battle was the hottest in a war they had. And he told his other men, I want you to get Uriah the Hittite right there where the battle is the hottest; then you withdraw so that he can be killed. And because this man was so loyal to David, he was willing to go to the battlefield where it was hottest, right under the gate of the city they were assaulting. And he was killed. And David did that because he had taken this man's wife and impregnated her while her husband was still alive. So to skip some of it, to give you that background, an old prophet, I believe his name was Nathan...and these were guys with long beards, and eyes sunk deep in their heads, so that when they turned that gaze on you, it was like fire peering from caves. And they thundered God's wrath on you wicked wearers of shoe leather. And this man told David about a person in his kingdom who had 5,000 sheep, but he looked across to his poor neighbor who had one ewe lamb, and this rich man with all those sheep took that one man's...that man's one lamb. David, as the Bible says, was wroth, w-r-o-t-h, whatever that meant. They knew what it meant in those days. And God can use any word he wants to, and God told them what to write. So David was wroth. And he said, such a man is...and then he laid out how bad this person was. And you know what Nathan the prophet did? Nathan the prophet pointed at him and he said, David, thou art the man. I say, Kevin O'Hanlon, thou art the man. He's sitting under the balcony over here, flushing a beautiful color of red. But it ought to be a blush of pride because of what he did in letting us know how all of the bounds of propriety were breached by a politician and a lobbyist. If any of you have not seen the story, I'll make sure you get a copy of it. But when Senator Johnson was talked to about this, he said, those people made a mistake as to who the senator from this district is. I never felt prouder of anything that a member of this Legislature had done or said publicly. He upheld the integrity of the system, the dignity of the Legislature, and served notice that at least where he's concerned, lobbyists and heads of political parties do not tell him what to do, and they are not going to turn his principles around because they may have supported him when he